THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) Yes, Sir. A view has been expressed regarding the likely increase in the number of addict if not steps were taken.

(b) A variety of measures are being taken by the Government to deal with the problem of drug abuse. This includes on the one hand stricter vigilance and enforcement of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and simultaneously taking up awareness building programmes, counselling and guidance, de- addiction treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration of drug addtics into the society. Voluntary organisations are being involved in providing services mentioned above and in creating awareness amongst various segments of society.

Requirements of PIG iron for foundry industry of West Bengal

*156. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI M. A. BABY.

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foundry industry of West Bengal had recently appealed to the Iron and Steel Controller to allow them to obtain their required pig iron from any source.

(b) if so, whether they have been granted necessary permits in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The members of the Indian Foundry Association, Calcutta, have been permitted to draw their requirements through the Association in case of direct dispatches.

(c) Does not arise.

Coloured stainless steel

*157. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Salem Steel Plant had recently developed coloured stainless steel and have carried out the preliminary tests at the Durgapur Steel Plant;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are its likely effects on the health of the users;

(d) whether it would be cheaper or costlier than the traditional stainless steel; and

(e) by when it is likely to be marketed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The process for colouring stainless steel on laboratory scale has been developed by Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapur and not Salem. No tests were conducted at Durgapur Steel Plant.

(c) It is not expected to have any adverse effect on the health of the people using it.

(d) The cost of coloured stainless steel would be higher than that of traditional stainless steel as additional cost would be incurred for colouring the surface of stainless steel material.

(e) Coloured stainless steel in certain forms and shapes is being marketed in a very limited way.

Strike by workmen of C.P.W.D. and P.W.D. Delhi Administration

*158. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50,000 workmen of Central Public Works

Department (CPWD) and PWD of Delhi Administration had decided to go on an indefinite strike from the 20th April, 1987; and

(b) if so, what are their demands and Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) Three Union representing the workers and employees of the C. P. W. D. and P.W.D. of Delhi Administration had given notice of an indefinite strike from 6.00 A.M. of 20th April 87. As a result of settlement reached between the C.P.W.D. Management and the three Union on 19-4-87 20-4-87, the proposed strike was called off.

Payment of Development Charges to D.D.A.

*159. SHRI M. KHADHARSHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Auhority had asked the plot holders to make payment at the rate of Rs 70 per sq. yard towards development charges instead of Rs. 12 per sq. yard.

(b) whether it is a fact that the plot holders who had already built the houses are also being charged Rs. 70 per sq. yard on that account;

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above by in the affirmative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that there is a great resentment among the plot holders on that account and if so, what remedial steps are being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) Recovery of peripheral charges at the rate of Rs. 70 per sq. mtr. is being made by the DDA from allottees of plots in Group-IV Co-operative House Building Societies, including those allottees who had already built houses.

(c) The internal development was done by the Societies and the peripheral development by the DDA. A provisional rate of Rs. 16 per sq. mtr. was fixed for peripheral development. This was in 1979. The peripheral charges now demanded by the DDA from the allottees of these societies are based on the actual expenditure incurred by the DDA in providing the services.

(d) Representations have been received against the enhancement of the peripheral charges. A decision has been taken by the DDA to recover only 50 per cent of the amount immediately and the remaining 50 per cent in two equated quarterly instalments.

Construction of Flats by Cooperative Group Housing Societies on Land earmarked for DDA Flats

*160. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the bad construction of DDA flats under the Self Financing Scheme, Government have decided to encourage the cooperative Group Housing Societies for construction of flats on the land allotted by the D.D.A. under the Master Plan; and

(b) if so, which are the areas earmarked for D.D.A. flats which have been allotted to Cooperative Group Housing Societies for construction of flats and at what rate?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) No, Sir. It has always been the policy of the Government to encourage co-operative housing and construction of flats by the Co-operative Housing Group Housing Societies.

(b) Does not arise.